

THE MOST HAPPY VNIONS CONTRACTED BETWIXT THE PRINCES OF THE BLOOD ROYALL OF THEIS TOWE FAMOUS KINGDOMES OF England & Scotland, contynued from the NORMANS conquest to our most gracious Soueraigne JAMES the .I. King of England, Scotland, France, & Ireland, Defender of y^e fayth.



James the first King of Engl.
Scot. Fra. & Ire. 1602



Anne, daughter to Frederick
2. King of Denmark



These two famous nations of England, and Scots, although of the same Island, Language, and Religion, yet oftentimes upon sundry contentions betwixt them growing in many great and feir battailes have profecuted their quarrels: and in thing revenge spilt much of their noble blood. But after some breathing tyme, and armes put of with losse, and wearied with the tumoyles of warre, whose variable success brought wounds their only game: they sought by theis former experiences, to stave all future calamities: and wrought the means in manes understanding to confirme a continuall peace betwixt both the nations: and that most especially, by matching in matrimonye the princely blood royall of both the realmes: whereby the issue procreated from either, might indifferently chal: lenge a loue, and loyalty from both. Which mutuall conuincions betwixt them, we find to haue bene confirmed no less then, seven sundry tymes since the Normans conquest. And wth this seven-fold golden chaine theis two famous kingdomes in seuen descents to haue bene so mysted and knite. And to beginne with the first, fro thence: such was that of Henry the first king of Eng: land, that tooke to wife Maud the daughter of Malcolme the thirde of that name king of Scotcs, from whome all the kings of the English crowne, vnto this daye are lineally descended. And secondly such was that of Alexander the second, king of Scotland, that ioynd in marriage with Ioan daughter to king Iohn of England. Thirly so was that of Alexander the thirde, king of Scotland, that married Margaret daughter, to Henry the thirde, king of England. And fourthly of David the second of that name, king of Scotcs, that tooke to wife Ioan the daughter of Edward the second, king of England, in regard of quieting the tempests of warre presided, named of the vulgar Ioan make peace. Fiftly such was that of James the first of that name, and thirde Steward, king of Scotland that married Iane daughter to Iohn Earle of Somerset, sonne to Iohn of Gant Duke of Lancaster in Eng: land: the mother of James the second, and of all the Scottish kynges since succeeding. Againe with the sixt lincke of this chayne, were tyed in matrimonye James the fourth, king of Scotland, and Lady Margaret eldest daughter of Henry the seventh, king of England. Whose royall issue hath obtayned of god both the blessing of the first borne, and the imperiall Diademes of both theis Realmes. And lastly that of Mary late queene of Scotland, which ioynd in marriage with Henry lorde Darnley of England, the most royall parents of our most gracious Soueraigne lord king James the first. Through all which, as the intent of man seemed to be frustrat yet hath God himselfe at last confirmed our peace in a full periode, by placing the tiew, and only next heire of both, vpon the imperiall seat of both their dominions: whereby to all our happiness, in his most Royall persone is confirmed the successiue inheritance, and iust title of both theis Realmes: and the whole land of Britannie (so long deuicd in gouernment, and infested with troubles) brought into a most quiet peace, and one intire Monarchie.



In all theis most princely conuincions before specified the great blessings and benefites that to both the common weales thereby followed maye apparantly be iudged off. For as in euery one, the edge of warre was abated, and a quiet calme of peace ensued: so most especially weare theis blessings accomplished in that of king Henry the first, and queene Maud: as also in king James the fourth, and queene Margaret. The first of whom to the great comfort of their subjects, when the issue male of the blood Royall of English kings, in Edward Confessor had ceased, and that the Normanes by conquest had obtayned their diademe: by this first vni of theis marriages, the foresaid Maud, queene and wife to the sayd king Henry of Eng: land, daughter to Margaret queene of Scotland, who was daughter to Edward sumamed the Outlawe, nephew to the Confessor, in whom only the English imperiall blood royall was retayned: brought the same againe to possesse the English crowne, matching with our kings of the Norman lyne, and so consequently was the mother of all the English kyngs since succeeding. The other vni in James the fourth of that name, king of Scotland, and of lady Margaret his queene, the eldest daughter, of king Henry the seventh king of England, hath attayned farre greater blessings the all the rest: who hath not only raised vp a most princely Imperiall seede to sit a sole Monarche vpon theis their thronnes, but hath vniued a peace betwixt two fierce nations in warre, and also ioynd two famous kingdomes in one conynent, before deuicd: del in gouernment and infested with warres into a vniued peace, and vniueidable Monarchie we doubt not for euer. All occasions of quarrels betwixt theis two nations nowe ceased: and their weapons vsed only in defence of their Soueraigne (striks a terror into the hartes of their landes enuours: and enlargeth strength against all withstanders of his most iust title and inheritance elsewhere. The approved valure and courage of both, in many foraigne countreys and kingdomes hath bene made famous: in whose seruice much of their blood hath bene spent, and by whome great victories hath bene gotten. Their enimys daunted: the distressed releued: the liberties of their confederates maintayned: and religion of Christ defended from the oppressions, & pollution of the man of sine: against whome they haue bene the swordes in the lordes right hande, and the very instrument or maulle that hath broken his crowne of pride, and layd his supremacie in the dust. The portraictures of all theis most royall personages so conioyned & knite, as fure as by any presidents could be attayned is here expressed, both of England & Scotland, and also of all those other princes who haue bene vniued vnto them, as either by their pictures remayning, or monuments yet sene, or by descriptions from others gathered, maye iustly be verified. In all of which (as nothing in that kinde can be perfect being but dead shadowes borrowed from liuing substances, and tyme the consumer of both) let credite remaine with theis first imitators, and pardon defects of him which doth but only gleane after them.

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James 5. married Margaret. D. to H. 7. K. of England.



Margaret eldest daughter to H. 7. K. of England.



Archibald Douglas E. of Angus h. 2. husband



James 5. secunde King of Scot. Ano. 1437.



Elizabeth eldest daughter to King Edward 4.



Henry the seventh King of England. Ano. 1486.



Margaret Countess of Richmond and Derby.



John Duke of Somerset Ano. 1406.



Robert 2. secunde, and first Steward King of Scots, began his raigne. 1371.



Robert the thirde King of Scotland. Ano. 1390.



James 5. first married Jane D. to John 1. of Sorey.



Jane Queene of Scotland Ano Domini 1424.



John Earle of Somerset. Ano. 1397.



John of Gaunt Duke of Lancaster son to Edward 3. King of England 1340.

JOHN SPEED excudebat. Renold Elstrak sculpsit.